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STAFF CHANGES

The welcome wagon greets Leslie Foster, previously of Novanet, who is Acting Coordinator of Technical Services at Provincial Library until December 31, 1994. We are delighted to be able to tap Leslie's technical skills which will assist us in taking NcompasS to its next stage of development. He has also been involved with the Chebucto FreeNet as a trainer for Information Providers. As Provincial Library and Education Media Services become Information Providers on the FreeNet, Leslie's knowledge will be invaluable. More on this in the next issue! We also welcome Carole Compton-Smith who is spending her sabbatical year at Provincial Library/Education Media Services. Loretta Young is back temporarily at PL working on a recon project. She previously worked at PL while studying library techniques at the N.S. Community College.

PROVINCIAL UMBRELLA FREENET GROUP

A meeting took place on August 2, co-chaired by Bernard Hart and Marion Pape, to begin the process of facilitating FreeNet development in Nova Scotia. Minutes of the meeting are being distributed to a broad mailing list. The first activity of the group is to plan a conference tentatively scheduled for Nov. 18 and 19, 1994 with goals to:

- provide a forum for potential carriers and funders of FreeNets
- determine areas of common interest
- share information between more experienced groups and newly organized groups
- explore options for sustainability of FreeNets
- formalize a province-wide umbrella group and approve Terms of Reference

Anyone interested in more information or who wish to participate are invited to contact Carole Compton-Smith (ccompton@nshpl.library.ns.ca) or Leslie Foster (lfoster@nshpl.library.ns.ca) at Provincial Library.

We are very pleased that Parker MacDonald of the Cape Breton FreeNet will speak at the Telecommunities Canada National Conference in Ottawa this week on the Nova Scotia umbrella group and provincial initiatives in this area. Members of the Chebucto FreeNet will also be attending and

presenting at this conference.

ILL PACKAGE FINALLY RELEASED

On July 15, a training session was held to show regional ILL staff how to use the in-house ILL facility developed at Provincial Library. The facility uses WordPerfect macros as ILL scripts and takes advantage of the "copy and paste" capability of Windows. After the session, manuals and diskettes containing tailored scripts were given to each region. The facility can be used in a variety of ways, including copying records from NcompasS directly into the ILL script, and maintaining ILL records in WordPerfect. Those attending the session had a variety of knowledge levels of WordPerfect, Eudora (e-mail) and NcompasS so an effort was made to keep the information as basic as possible under the circumstances. Feedback was very positive despite the amount of information loaded onto the participants. The following comment was received by e-mail:

"I just wanted to let you know that the ILL training session held on Friday was worth every minute of attendance. Sue Dirani and Dale MacMillan did a great job - they were well prepared and they presented the information clearly and carefully. I felt that each question was answered and each of us was helped when we needed it. Kudos to them both!" -- Frances Anderson

PLAS AND TALKING BOOK REQUESTS

New mailboxes have been created at Provincial Library specifically to accommodate requests for Talking Books and photocopies from the Professional Literature Awareness Service (PLAS). For Talking Book requests, the regional libraries should use the "illbook" script (or "illreg" if copying the record directly from NcompasS) and send the request by e-mail to the following address: tb-nshpl@rs6000.nshpl.library.ns.ca. PLAS requests should be sent using the "illperio" script to the address: plas@rs6000.nshpl.library.ns.ca. Information on using the scripts is contained in the manual on the In-House ILL Package.

JOB POSTING

A competition is being held for the position of Information Processing Technician III - Library System Administrator at Nova Scotia Provincial Library. Below is an outline of the position.

DUTIES: Reporting to the Coordinator of Technical Services, an experienced Information Processing Technician is required to ensure the efficient daily operation of the multiLIS integrated automated library system and the NcompasS electronic network. This includes installing, testing, maintaining and troubleshooting all library system hardware and software. In addition, the successful candidate will prepare documentation for all aspects of the system, attend meetings (and take minutes) relating to library automation and NcompasS and provide back-up to the Novell local area network administrator. This person is the first point of call for all library system users including all regional library users and acts as a contact with the vendor for all operational and support issues.

QUALIFICATIONS: Senior matriculation plus a diploma in Data Processing and 3 years technical experience or an acceptable equivalent. Working knowledge of Unix (IBM-AIX) and Novell NetWare and demonstrated ability to work independently and effectively under pressure with staff having varying levels of computer expertise. Strong interpersonal and communication skills are essential. Library, e-mail and Internet experience and a knowledge of MARC cataloguing records are an asset. Some travel and evening or weekend hours maybe required.

PAY LEVEL: TE 17 ($26,925 - $31,617)

CLOSING DATE: August 25, 1994. Application forms are available from: NS Department of Human Resources, Staffing Division, One Government Place, 1700 Granville St., P.O. Box 943, Halifax, NS, B3J 2V9. Telephone: (902)424-7660, fax: (902)424-0611. Please send a copy to Elizabeth Armstrong, Coordinator, Administration & Systems, NS Provincial Library, 3770 Kempt Rd., Halifax, NS, B3K 4X8, Phone: (902)424-2455, Fax: (902)424-0633 or e-mail: earmstro@nshpl.library.ns.ca.

SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

Nova Scotia's Summer Reading Programme theme is "A Whale of a Tale". On August 30, the Minister of Education, John MacEachern, will draw for the Grand Prize - two whalewatching tickets! A press release was issued on July 28 announcing the prize. Sweatshirts and t-shirts are still available for sale so call 424-3770 or e-mail Mary Fellows at mfellows@nshpl.library.ns.ca to place your order! Next year's theme will be "Be A Readasaurus/ Soyez Lectursaure" and the artwork is already underway.

DAILY NEWS GETS WIRED

The Daily News, in conjunction with the Chebucto FreeNet and the Nova Scotia Technology Network (NSTN) is offering The Daily News On-Line. The Daily News On-Line will be available either over the Chebucto FreeNet, through the FreeNet's local dial-up system, or over the Internet, using either the World Wide Web (WWW) browsers Mosaic or MacWeb, or the telnet function, to connect to the FreeNet. The Daily News On-Line offers: Story of the Day; Local News Summary; Today's Columnist; Mou's Cartoon; What's Happening in Town; The Editor's Mail Box; Listserv Section; and Readers' Forum. To connect, telnet to cfn.cs.da.ca and login as "guest". If you're using WWW browsers like Mosaic specify the following URL (which is case sensitive): http://www.cfn.cs.dal.ca/Media/TodaysNews/TodaysNews.html.

ROADMAP TO THE INFORMATION HIGHWAY

FREE Internet training workshop open to anyone who wishes to subscribe! The entire Roadmap workshop will take place on the ROADMAP list (ROADMAP is a distribution list, not a discussion list). The Roadmap workshop sessions will cover: E-mail; Listservs, Majordomo, Listproc and other distribution systems; Usenet; FTP; Archie; Gopher; Veronica; Address Searches; WAIS; WWW; and

many other topics. As a number of ROADMAP subscribers only have e-mail access, the Roadmap workshop will also teach how to access many Internet tools (FTP, Archie, Gopher, etc.) using E-mail. The first Roadmap for the Information Superhighway workshop will begin in *OCTOBER 1994*. To subscribe, please send the following command in the BODY of an e-mail message to LISTSERV@UA1VM.UA.EDU on the Internet:

SUB ROADMAP yourfirstname yourlastname

For example:

SUB Roadmap Bill Gates